

Pursuant to Section 19.84, Wis. Stats. A regular meeting of the HUMAN SERVICES BOARD was held on January 5, 2006, 5:15 p.m. at Brown County Human Services, 111 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay, Wisconsin.

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Present: Tom Lund, Barb Bauer, Dave Nelson, Diana Luder, Randy Westcott, Dottie Schoenleber, April Strom, and Paula Geishirt

Excused: Chris Zabel, Joanne Grashberger.

Present: Beth Manning, Tom Eggebrecht, Marvin Rucker, Devon Christenson, Diane Pivonka, and Mary VandeLeest of the Human Services Department, Lou DeGrand of the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC), Rick Bahr and Wendy Rabas from Innovative Services and interested parties.

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**

1. Chair Lund called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

2. APPROVE/MODIFY AGENDA.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY WESTCOTT AND SECONDED BY GEISHIRET TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS MODIFIED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

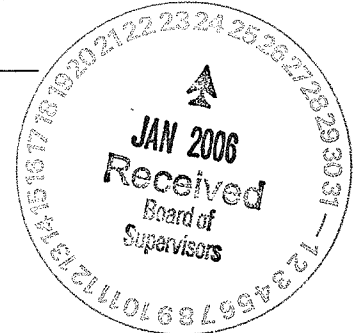
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 1, 2005 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING.

Dr. Luder had a correction. Randy Westcott will be a Board Member on the Board of Directors for Caretakers Vision.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY WESTCOTT AND SECONDED BY LUDER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 1, 2005 HUMAN SERVICES BOARD MEETING AS MODIFIED. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY WITH ONE ABSENTION.**

4. PRESENTATION BY INNOVATIVE SERVICES.

Rick Bahr and Wendy Rabas presented on Innovative Services which specializes in "supports for independent living;" These supports include residential services, supportive home care, supported apartments, pre-vocational programs, vocational programs, supported work programs, seniors programs, consulting and respite care. They also discussed the scope of their involvement with the County as related to these supports and their partnership with the County in placing consumers from the Van Buren and Cottonwood intermediate care facilities when they closed. Discussion was held and questions were answered.



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5. MEDICARE PART D.

Lou DeGrand from the Aging and Disabilities Resource Center (ADRC) presented on Medicare Part D. Also presenting were Marvin Rucker, Supervisor of the Community Options Program and Devon Christenson, Access and Volunteer Services Unit Coordinator. Ms. DeGrand had several handouts and walked the Board through the extensive process of Medicare Part D. Medicare Part D is prescription drug coverage for those receiving healthcare coverage under the Medicare program. Part D plans may have different formularies, costs and pharmacy networks. A lengthy discussion took place and questions were answered.

6. STATE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/PROPOSALS (RFI/RFP).

Director Manning said the counties response to the State on the RFI/RFP was attached to the agenda. Ms. Manning went through a DHFS Power Point which would give Human Services Board members an overview and share a bit about the initiative. Discussion was held.

7. HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT SUBCOMMITTEE.

Director Manning stated she had followed up and asked Corporation Counsel what constituted an appointment and referred to the statutory language attached to the agenda which talked about subcommittees. Ms. Manning understands it is the County Executives decision whether or not to appoint subcommittees to the Human Services Board. Ms. Manning said in talking with the County Executive she does not want to appoint a subcommittee at this time. The Human Services Agenda Items referring to subcommittees will be called something else in the future. Dr. Luder is heading an effort in the community to bring people together but it is not an official subcommittee of the Human Services Board. The Human Services Board members agreed and felt any member of the Human Services Board could meet outside the Board, gather materials and ask for an item to be placed on the Human Services Board agenda. Further discussion was held.

8. ANY OTHER MATTERS.

Dr. Luder explained that her committee wanted the following information shared with the Human Services Board on teenage pregnancy programs in Brown County. In summary the providers are very fragmented and the coalition is basically a non-functioning entity; school programs are primarily funded by the State Department of Public Instruction; seems only goal is to graduate high school, no ongoing services; someone needs to help make the

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coalition more functioning and also help them find avenues for money; major issue is the absence of the fathers of the of the babies being more accountable. When money is allocated in various programs, they don't require identification of the father which is a public safety issue. Some programs state they hold the fathers accountable, but there is little evidence of that according to Dr. Luder. The timing of the Teen Parent Program and their request to the County Board for funds was brought up. A lengthy discussion on teen parent services in Brown County was held.

Chair Lund recognized Dave Johnson who requested to speak. Mr. Johnson wanted to caution the Human Services Board and Director Manning to look into the County Code as to the make-up of the Human Services Board and the number of County Board Supervisors required to serve on the Board. Supervisor Backmann has signed and the Board is awaiting the appointment of a new supervisor, however; Mr. Johnson feels the number should be higher and highly encourages it be looked into. Discussion was held.

10. ADJOURN.

**MOTION WAS MADE BY GEISHIRT AND SECONDED BY STROM TO ADJOURN AT 7:19 P.M. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Respectfully submitted:



Mary VandeLeest  
Administrative Secretary